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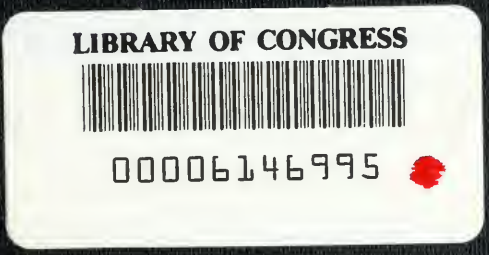

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ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Post having been duly constituted and chartered on the 21st day of August, 1885, and now known and entitled as POST HENRY ENSIGN, No. 568, Department of New York, G. A. R., does hereby adopt the following Rules and Regulations for the government and guidance of its members.

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion.

To assist such former comrades in arms as need help and protection; and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.

To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and Laws; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The Regular Encampments of this Post shall be held on every first and third Saturday eve-

nings in each month (unless otherwise ordered), the Assembly to be sounded at 8 o'clock from the first meeting in April until the first meeting in November, and at 7.30 P. M. from said first meeting in November until the following April.

SEC. 2. The Post Commander shall call Special Encampments when requested so to do, in writing, by five Comrades qualified to transact business, setting forth the object for which the Encampment is called, and no other business than that set forth in the call shall be transacted at such Special Encampment.

SEC. 3. No appropriations of the funds, or of the charity funds of the Post, shall be made at a Special Encampment, unless by a two-thirds vote.

SEC. 4. Eight members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Post.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Post shall be a Post Commander, a Senior Vice Post Commander, a Junior Vice Post Commander, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, a Surgeon, a Chaplain, an Officer of the Day, an Officer of the Guard, a Sergeant-Major, a Quartermaster-Sergeant, and a Council of Administration, to consist of five members, of whom the Senior Vice shall be chairman, who shall also be Trustees.

SEC. 2. All members of the Post, in good standing, shall be eligible to any office in the Post.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 3. The Post shall elect at its first Stated Encampment in December, as Representatives, in the

ratio of one for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional member for a final fraction of more than half that number to represent them in the Department Encampment, and an equal number of alternates, who shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Commander and Adjutant, a copy of which shall be forwarded immediately after election to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 4. There shall be appointed at the second meeting in January, a Committee on Decoration, and a Committee on Amusements, for the year, each to consist of five members, with power to increase their numbers as may be necessary. All committees to make final report of any entertainment or occasion where their services are required in the performance of their duties, at the fourth meeting subsequent to the date of such entertainment.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Post officers (the Adjutant, Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant excepted), shall be elected at the first stated meeting in December, by ballot, unless a ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent. They shall be installed into their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January following.

At the installation of officers the Post Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, and upon the recommendation of the Adjutant and Quartermaster respectively, he shall also appoint the Sergeant-Major and the Quartermaster-Sergeant. They shall enter upon their

duties at once, and all officers, whether elected or appointed, shall hold office until their successors are installed.

SEC. 2. In case of a ballot for officers, a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. If there is no election on the first two ballots, the name of the Comrade receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in successive ballots, until an election is made.

SEC. 3. Any vacancy in the offices may be filled at any stated meeting, notice of such contemplated action having been given at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Post Commander to preside at all meetings of the Post; to enforce a strict observance of the rules and regulations and all orders from proper authority; to detail all officers and committees not otherwise provided for; to approve all orders drawn upon the Quartermaster for appropriations of money made and passed at a stated meeting of the Post; to forward the returns required by Chap. V., Art. II, General Regulations; and to perform such other duties as his charge may require of him.

SEC. 2. The Vice Post Commanders shall perform such duties as are required of them by the Ritual, and, in the absence of the Commander, shall take his place in the order of their rank. If neither of them are present, the Post shall elect a Commander *pro tempore*.

SEC. 3. The Adjutant shall keep in books properly prepared:—The Rules and Regulations of the Grand

Army of the Republic and the Rules and Regulations of the Post, to be signed by every Comrade on his becoming a member. A Descriptive Book, ruled to embrace every fact contained in the application, as well as the date of acceptance and muster, and a column for general remarks. A Journal of the proceedings of the Post, after the same shall have been corrected and approved. An Order Book, in which shall be recorded all orders and circulars issued by the Post Commander. A Letter Book. An Indorsement and Memorandum Book. A Black Book, in which shall be recorded all rejected candidates, and also of all members of the Grand Army who have been dishonorably discharged.

He shall attest by his signature all actions of the Post, and draw all orders on the Quartermaster, to be approved by the Post Commander; shall notify in writing newly elected members, and shall, under direction of the Post Commander, prepare all reports and returns required of him. He shall perform such other duties as appertain to his office, and shall transfer to his successor, without delay, all books, papers and other property. For the faithful discharge of his duties he shall have his dues remitted.

SEC. 4. The Quartermaster shall hold the funds, securities, vouchers and other property of the Post, and fill all requisitions drawn by the Adjutant and approved by the Post Commander; he shall collect all moneys due the Post, giving his receipt therefor; he shall keep an account with each member, and notify all Comrades in arrears; he shall render a monthly account in writing to the Post of its finances, which

shall be referred to the Council of Administration. He shall make and deliver to the Post Commander all reports and returns required of Post Quartermasters by Chap. V., Art. II., General Regulations, and shall deliver to his successor in office, or to any one designated by the Post, all moneys, books and other property of the Post in his possession or under his control. He shall give a bond in the sum of $1,000, with sureties (to be appoved by the Council of Administration), for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall file his bonds before entering upon the duties of his office. He shall have his dues remitted. Upon the accumulation of funds to the amount of $500 in the hands of the Quartermaster, unappropriated, the Post may, in its discretion, direct him to invest in such securities or to deposit in such savings bank as they may order. Any interest or dividends received from such investments shall be paid into the funds of the Post,

SEC. 5. The Surgeon shall discharge such duties in connection with his office as may be required of him.

SEC. 6. The Chaplain shall officiate at the opening of the Post and at the funeral of Comrades, when conducted by the Post, and perform such other duties in connection with his office as the Post may require.

SEC. 7. The Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard shall perform such duties as may be required by the Ritual or by the Post Commander.

SEC. 8. The Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant shall assist the Adjutant and Quartermaster respectively in their duties.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Council of Administration to examine all bills presented to the Post, and, if found correct, be signed by a majority of said Council, and returned to the Adjutant; if not correct, they shall report the facts of their incorrectness to the Post. They shall examine the books and accounts of the Quartermaster and Adjutant and report to the Post at the second meeting in January, April, July and October.

ARTICLE VI.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, who served during the late rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Avery application for admission to membership shall be in writing, and shall be accompanied by a proposition fee of one dollar (which in case of rejection shall be returned to the applicant), and shall also give, in detail, upon the blanks furnished by the National Headquarters, the applicant's age, birthplace, residence, occupation, date and rank when entering the service, and his rank at the time of his discharge (or if still in the service his present rank), the date and cause of his discharge, the com-

pany and regiment, or ship, to which he belongs or belonged, the length of time he served; if wounded, when, in what engagement, in what manner and degree, and the fact of any previous application, and to what Post it was made.

SEC. 2. The application shall be presented at a stated meeting, and be recommended by a member of the Post, who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility; it shall then be referred to a committee of three, of which number the member recommending shall not be one, for investigation and report.

SEC. 3. The committee shall make careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application; they shall see the applicant in person, and shall recommend his election or rejection, at a meeting subsequent to their appointment, by endorsement upon the application. *Provided, however*, that the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander may grant a dispensation in writing to a Post, to waive in any particular case the rule prohibiting an investigation committee from reporting upon an application on the evening of their appointment.

SEC. 4. After the reading of the report, the Commander shall give an opportunity to any Comrade having objections to the election of the applicant to state the same, after which a ballot with ball ballots shall be had. If, on a count of the balls deposited, it appear that not more than twenty are cast, and two or more of them are black, the candidate shall be declared rejected; but if more than twenty are cast, then an additional black ball for every additional twenty shall be necessary to reject. If a less

number of black balls than above provided be cast, the candidate shall be declared elected, and no reconsideration of a ballot shall be had after the Commander has announced the result thereof. But should the result of the ballot be unfavorable, and the Commander suspect any mistake, he may, at his discretion, before declaring a vote, order a second ballot, the result of which shall be final.

SEC. 5. If an applicant be rejected, his admission fee shall be returned, and he shall be forever after ineligible for admission to any other Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, without the consent, by a two-thirds vote, of the Post rejecting him, and not again eligible in the one in which he was rejected, until six months after such rejection. A second, and all subsequent applications, shall be in the same form and subject to the same conditions as the first.

SEC. 6. The name of a rejected applicant shall be forwarded to National Headquarters, through the proper channel.

SEC 7. Each applicant, upon his election, shall be at once notified thereof in writing, and on presenting himself for membership shall be properly mustered.

But unless he present himself for muster within three months from the date of such notice, his election shall be void, and all moneys which may have been required by the Post to accompany the application shall be forfeited to the Post treasury.

The Commander-in-chief, or a Department Commander may, however, grant a dispensation in any particular case, to a Post, to muster a candidate, even

though he has *not* presented himself for muster within three months after notice of election.

SEC. 8. A member-elect shall pay, before enlistment and muster, the balance of the admission fee, three dollars. Upon muster-in he shall subscribe to a copy of these Regulations.

SEC. 9. The Commander-in-chief, or a Department Commander may, at pleasure, receive and muster in an applicant for membership, or detail a Comrade for that purpose, provided the person so received and mustered in resides outside the proper territorial limits of any Post.

SEC. 10. The applications for membership of persons who were Comrades before the introduction of the grade system, but who never took the obligation of the third grade, shall be received and acted upon the same as if the applicant had never belonged to the Grand Army.

ARTICLE VIII.

ADMISSION OF COMRADES FROM OTHER POSTS.

SEC. 1. A Comrade having a valid transfer card may be admitted to any Post, or re-admitted to the Post which granted the transfer card, by a two-thirds vote after his name has been proposed, referred and reported upon, as in case of an applicant for membership; or he may be admitted a charter member of a new Post.

SEC. 2. Each Post may establish such admission fees, to be paid by Comrades joining by transfer, as they may think proper, not exceeding the amount required from recruits.

ARTICLE IX.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE, TRANSFERS AND DISCHARGES.

SEC. 1. Any Comrade applying therefor in person, or by letter, shall be granted a leave of absence by the Commander, attested by the Adjutant, for a specified time, not exceeding twelve months, commending him to the good offices of all Comrades, provided he has faithfully discharged all duties enjoined upon him, and has paid in advance all dues for the time specified in the leave of absence. Any Post giving relief to a visiting Comrade shall endorse the amount upon his leave of absence, and shall also notify the Post of which he is a member.

SEC. 2. Any Comrade against whom no charges exist, and who has paid all dues, shall receive upon verbal or written application to the Commander, at a meeting of the Post, a transfer card, attested by the Adjutant. Upon presentation of it to any Post within one year from the date of its issue, he may be admitted in the manner prescribed in Section I, Article VIII. In the meantime he shall remain for purposes of discipline only, under the jurisdiction of the Post granting the transfer card. If at the expiration of the year, he has not been admitted to membership in any Post, the transfer card shall be void, and the holder be considered honorably discharged from the Order.

SEC. 3. Any Comrade in good standing, on application to the Post Commander at a regular meeting, shall receive at some subsequent meeting, an honorable discharge, signed by the Post Commander and attested by the Adjutant: *Provided*, that at the time of such application there are no pecuniary charges

against him on account of the Post. A Comrade thus discharged can be received again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership—but upon his election he may be admitted, without muster, on taking *anew* the obligation.

SEC. 4. Members of disbanded Posts, who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, shall receive from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, transfer cards which shall have full force.

ARTICLE X.

ARREARAGES.

SEC. 1. Any member of this Post who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues shall be prohibited from voting, shall be ineligible to any office in the Grand Army of the Republic, and shall be reported "suspended" in the quarterly reports to Department Headquarters, until such dues are paid. While so suspended, the Post shall not be subject to the *per capita* tax on such member, and he shall not be counted in the representation of the Post in the Department Encampment, nor of the Department in the National Encampment: *Provided, however*, that when a Comrade is unable, by reason of sickness or misfortune, to pay his dues, they may be remitted by a two-thirds vote of the Post. In remitting dues, a separate vote shall be taken on each Comrade.

SEC. 2. If a Comrade shall be one year in arrears, he shall be dropped from the rolls, and reinstated only through the Post of which he was a member, by a vote of the Post, at a regular meeting, upon payment of dues to the time of being dropped.

ARTICLE XI.

SECRECY.

SEC. 1. The Ritual and unwritten forms of the Grand Army of the Republic, the names of persons causing the rejection of candidates for membership or any information as to the cause or means of such rejection, shall be kept secret; but any part of the proceedings of Post Encampments may be published if ordered by a vote of the Post, approved by the Department Encampment.

SEC. 2. Any Comrade convicted of divulging any of the private affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, or of violating any of the provisions of this article shall be dishonorably discharged.

ARTICLE XII.

POLITICS.

No officer or Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic shall in any manner use this organization for partisan purposes, and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any of its meetings nor shall any nomination for political office be made

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIEF FUND.

A relief fund for the assistance of needy soldiers sailors and marines, and widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, shall be established by this Post, and any donations to this fund shall be held sacred for such purposes.

ARTICLE XIV.

APPEALS.

All members of this Post shall have the right of appeal through the proper channels from acts of the

Post or Post Commander, to the Department Commander, and through him to the Commander-in-Chief, whose decisions shall be final, unless reversed by the National Encampment; but all decisions appealed from, shall have full force and effect until reversed by competent authority.

ARTICLE XV.

PENALTIES.

Any Comrade elected to any office, or detailed for any duty, or any Comrade appointed by the Post to perform any duty therein, should he neglect or refuse the same, he may be punished by court-martial, as provided for in Article VI., R. and R. of the G. A. R.

ARTICLE XVI.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. Offences cognizable by the Grand Army of the Republic shall be:

1. Disloyalty to the United States of America, or any other violation of the pledge given at the time of muster.

2. Disobedience of the Rules and Regulations or of lawful orders.

3. The commission of a scandalous offence against the laws of the land.

4. Conduct unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman in his relations to the Grand Army of the Republic.

5. Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

SEC. 2. Penalties shall be as follows:

1. Dishonorable discharge from the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. Degredation from office.

3. Suspension from membership for a specified period.

4. Fine, or

5. Reprimand,

at the discretion of the Court, subject to the review of the proper officer.

SEC. 3. All accusations shall be made in the form of charges and specifications, and shall be tried by court-martial. Courts-martial may be ordered by Commanders of Posts or of Departments, or by the Commander-in-chief, for the trial of alleged offenders in their respective jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. Courts-martial shall be governed in their mode of proceeding and rules of evidence by the Revised United States Army Regulations, and established military usage, and such orders as may be issued from headquarters; *Provided, however*, that in the wilful absence of the accused, after due notice of the time and place of trial has been given to him, or left at his usual place of abode, the Court may proceed in all respects as if he were present and had pleaded not guilty.

SEC. 5. All members of the G. A. R , when summoned, shall attend as witnesses before any court-martial, and their testimony shall be taken on their honor as Comrades. The evidence of persons not members shall be taken under oath, when not inconsistent with the law of the place where the Court is held. Where such extra judicial oaths are forbidden by law, evidence of witnesses not members of the G. A. R. may be received, in the discretion of the Court, on their honor as men; and the fact that they have

not been sworn shall be considered by the Court in deciding upon their credibility.

SEC. 6. No sentence of a court-martial shall be carried into execution until after the whole proceedings shall have been laid before the officer ordering the same, or his successor in office, for his confirmation or disapproval, and orders in the case; and no sentence of dishonorable discharge from the Grand Army of the Republic, except by a court-martial convened by order of the Commander-in-chief, shall be carried into execution until after the whole proceedings shall have been laid before the officer next superior to the one ordering the court, for his confirmation or disapproval and orders thereon.

SEC. 7. Any Comrade ordered for trial before a Post court-martial may request, in writing, to be tried by a general Court, assigning his objections to a trial by the Post Court. On receiving such request, the Post Commander shall forward the same to the Department Commander, with such endorsement as he shall see fit to make, together with the charges preferred. If the objections appear to be valid and well-grounded, the Department Commander shall order a general court-martial for the trial of the case; but if, in his opinion, they should be insufficient, he shall return the request, with an endorsement to that effect, and the trial shall proceed as if no exception had been taken.

SEC. 8. When charges are preferred against any Comrade holding office, the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief, in their respective jurisdictions, may suspend the accused from office. During

the suspension of a Post Commander or Department Commander, the office shall be filled by the Senior Vice-Commander.

ARTICLE XVII.

DUES AND REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The fee for admission to membership in this Post snall be two dollars, of which sum fifty cents shall accompany the application, and the remainder before muster-in of recruit.

SEC. 2. The fee for re-admission shall be one year's dues, but a Comrade so re-admitted shall not be entitled to relief until he shall have been a member for one year.

SEC. 3. The fee for admission by transfer shall be the same as for recruit.

SEC. 4. Traveling and transfer cards, twenty-five cents each.

SEC. 5. The yearly dues shall be two dollars, payable quarterly, to wit: March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, December 31st.

SEC. 6. No funds belonging to this Post shall be loaned to any person or persons for any purpose whatsoever.

SEC. 7. On the death of a Comrade of this Post, there shall be an assessment of fifty cents made on each member in good standing who shall fail to attend the funeral of a Comrade after notice of such death and time of funeral shall have been published in at least two daily papers. If said assessment shall remain unpaid for thirty days from date of such funeral, the Comrade or Comrades so in arrears shall be precluded from receiving any money benefit from

this Post until the same shall be paid, and a farther time of thirty days from such payment. The proceeds of above assessment to be used to pay the funeral expenses of Comrades of this Post. Any balance remaining shall be transferred to the relief fund.

ARTICLE XVIII.

RELIEF.

SEC. 1. The Junior Vice, Surgeon and Chaplain shall constitute a Relief Committee.

SEC. 2. Every Comrade of this Post who shall not fail to pay his dues within three months after they become due, and who shall, by reason of sickness or other disability (except disability produced by intoxicating liquors), be unable to pursue his usual avocation, shall, as hereinafter provided for, be entitled to receive from the funds of this Post, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two dollars per week, to be paid to him upon the order of the Relief Committee, as hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 3. Such payment to continue during such disability or sickness, but not to exceed in any case the sum of two dollars per week for twelve consecutive weeks, after which a term of three months shall elapse before such Comrade shall be entitled to farther relief, unless by a unanimous vote of the members of the Post present at a regular encampment thereof.

SEC. 4. There shall be required in case of sickness or disability, that such sickness or disability shall have continued for the space of one week before any payment shall be made therefor, and when made,

such payments shall be for the second week thereof, and shall continue thereafter weekly for the amount and period aforesaid only upon the following conditions:

SEC. 5. The Comrade suffering from disease or disability shall cause to be made out, and presented to a member of said Relief Committee, a certificate signed by some reputable physician or surgeon, such certificate to be in the following form, and none other shall be accepted or acted upon by said Committee:

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I hereby certify, upon my honor as a physician (or surgeon), that I am in professional attendance upon .... of the..... of .....N. Y., and that I have been in such attendance for..... ..... days. That the disease or disability from which said..... is suffering is. .....and he is thereby prevented from attending, either in whole or part, to his ordinary vocation.

I further certify, that in my opinion such disease or disability did not arise nor was it occasioned by the use of intoxicating liquors.

Signed, ...

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of said Relief Committee, or a majority thereof, within twenty-four hours after the receipt of such certificate by one of said committee, to personally visit such Comrade, and if, in their opinion, the facts stated in such certificate are true, they shall after the time aforesaid, viz: not less than one week nor more than two weeks after such sickness or disability occurred (provided

the Comrade is not under any of the restrictions aforesaid, or hereinafter provided for), make and deliver to the said Comrade, or to the Quartermaster of this Post, an order in the following form:

Relief Committee,
Post Henry Ensign, No. 568, G. A. R.

Quartermaster:—

You are hereby directed to pay to Comrade..... the sum of two dollars, the same being a sick benefit for him, for the week ending.... .....188.. We, upon our honor as Comrades, certifying that he is entitled thereto under the Rules and Regulations of the Post.

Dated Cropseyville, N. Y.,..... 188..

SEC. 7. Such visits of said committee shall be made to such Comrade by such committee, or a majority thereof, weekly, and such order so issued by them shall not be made until after each of such visits, and the first of such orders shall be accompanied by such certificate of the attending physician or surgeon, as aforesaid.

SEC. 8. Upon the death of any Comrade, who shall not have failed to pay his dues within three months after they have become due, there shall be paid by the Quartermaster to the widow of such Comrade him surviving the sum of ten dollars. In case said Comrade shall leave him surviving no widow, then said sum of ten dollars shall be paid to the legal representatives of such Comrade, unless such Comrade shall otherwise direct.

SEC. 9. In case the death or disability or sickness of a Comrade shall have been caused or precipitated

by the use of intoxicating beverages, then, and in such case, the above provisions shall have no application to him, and in all cases the report and order of the Relief Committee shall be final as to the propriety of such payments as aforesaid. Nor shall such payments or relief be ordered given or paid unless the said member shall have attended at least one-quarter of the regular meetings of this Post for six months immediately preceding such sickness, death or disability, unless excused from such attendance by the Commander of this Post.

SEC 10. No relief shall be granted by this Post to any person, except as herein provided for, unless by a unanimous vote of the Post.

ARTICLE XIX.

AMENDMENTS.

These Rules and Regulations shall not be altered or amended unless thirty days' notice has been given to the Post, in writing, at a regular meeting, and the proposed alterations or amendments have been referred to a committee, appointed for that purpose, for investigation.

ARTICLE XX.

All standing resolutions and amendments heretofore adopted by this Post, and in conflict with this Code of Rules and Regulations, are hereby repealed.

Rules of Order.

1. All Comrades entering the Post after opening ceremonies will advance to near the Altar, and salute the Commander before being seated; and all Post Commanders and other high officers, or past officers visiting the Post, will be invited to seats on the right of the Commander, one pace to the rear.

2. Visiting Comrades will be announced by the Officer of the Guard, standing with them near the Altar.

3. Comrades when addressed or addressing, and when retiring, will first salute the Commander, as upon entering; and will not retire during the ceremonies without sufficient reasons, and at no time while the Commander is engaged in speaking or putting a question.

4. The Junior Vice Commander will see that the above rules are complied with.

5. All Comrades will be required to make proper responses and to observe suitable solemnity during the ceremonies. Music, vocal or instrumental, may be introduced as a part of the ceremonies, according to the will of the Comrades.

6. Officers of the Post will provide themselves with swords, belts and gloves.

7. One rap of the gavel calls to order and seats the Comrades; three raps calls up the Post.

8. The Officer of the Day will see that officers are in their proper places, and if any are absent, will provide substitutes before opening.

9. The Officer of the Guard will detail guards under direction of the Officer of the Day. Guards for outposts may be permanently detailed under direction of the Commander, and receive such compensation as the Post may direct.

10. Every Comrade present, who is in good standing, is entitled to vote, and shall vote upon all questions, unless excused by a vote of the Post.

11. The Commander shall preserve order, and announce the decisions of the Post on all subjects. He may speak to points of order, and shall decide questions of order without debate, subject, however, to an appeal to the Post by any member, when the question before the Post shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Post?" which question shall be put without debate, except that the Commander shall have the right to present his reason for such decision, confining himself strictly to the question upon which his decision was made; he shall not have the right to speak upon the merits of any question or motion before the Post, except for an explanation.

12. Before putting a question, the Commander shall ask, "Is the Post ready for the question?" If no one arise to speak, he shall arise and put the question to the Post, and after he has risen to put a question, none shall be permitted to speak upon it.

13. If two or more Comrades rise to speak at the same time, the Commander shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

14. When the Commander is addressing the Post, or putting a question, silence shall be observed in the Encampment, and during a count no Comrade shall be permitted to leave his place.

15. A Comrade speaking to any question shall stand and respectfully address the Chair, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities, indecorous or sarcastic language.

16. A Comrade shall not be interrupted while speaking, except to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

17. If any Comrade, in speaking, transgresses the rules of the Post, the Chair, or any Comrade, may call him to order, in which case the Comrade so called to order shall

immediately sit down, and shall not rise unless to explain or proceed in order.

18. A Comrade shall not speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice on the same subject or question until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the Post, and every Comrade speaking shall designate the officer or Comrade spoken of by his proper rank or title.

19. Any Comrade may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it, but a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible, except at the option of the mover.

20. A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the Chair, and it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any two Comrades.

21. When a question is before the Post, no motion shall be in order except to lay on the table; to adjourn; for the previous question; to postpone indefinitely; to postpone for a certain time; to divide; to commit or to amend; which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged. The first four of which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

22. On the call of a majority debate shall cease, and a vote be taken on the motion or question under debate.

23. A Comrade may at any time move the previous question. When the previous question has been moved, no debate or amendment or any other motion shall be in order until it is decided. The question shall be as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" The main question shall be on the passage of the matter under consideration, but when amendments are pending, the question shall first be taken on such amendments.

24. On a call of a majority of the Comrades present, the ayes and nays shall be taken, and when the ayes and nays are ordered, every Comrade present shall be required to vote, and his name entered upon the minutes as voting aye or nay, unless excused from voting by a vote of the Post.

25. A motion to close shall always be in order, (after the regular Post business is gone through with,) which motion shall be decided without debate; but if decided in the affirmative, it is no adjournment until the Post is closed in due form.

26. A motion for a reconsideration shall not be received unless made at the same or next succeeding stated meeting, and must be made by a Comrade who voted with the majority in the first instance. A motion for reconsideration being put and lost, shall not be renewed, nor shall any vote be a second time reconsidered without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

27. The Comrade first named on a Committee shall act as Chairman until another is chosen by the members of the Committee.

28 Any Comrade may be excused from serving on a Committee if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of two other Committees.

29. All Special Committees shall report their final proceedings in writing, and shall not be discharged until all the debts contracted by them shall have been paid. After making their report they shall return all papers relating thereto to the Adjutant.

30. When a blank is to be filled the question shall be first taken upon the smallest sum or number, and the longest and latest time proposed.

31. When a Comrade is called to order for words spoken, the objectionable words shall, if required, be taken down in writing by the Adjutant.

32. No Comrade shall be present when a question concerning himself is under discussion; nor is any Comrade to speak to the merits of the case until the Comrade withdraws; but the Comrade concerned may be permitted to speak in his own defense before leaving the room, and have the perusal of all papers relating to the matter in question.

33. When the reading of any paper or other matters are called for, and the same be objected to by any Comrade, it shall be determined by a vote of the Post.

34. A Comrade rising to make a motion may preface it with a few remarks bearing distinctly upon the question he desires to bring before the Post.

35. Not more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time, and the question shall first be taken upon the last amendment.

36. A motion to reconsider a motion to lay on the table is not in order.

37. Any Comrade violating any of the obligations, laws, rules and regulations of the G. A. R ; disregarding the requirements of the Constitution; disclosing the secret transactions of the Post; divulging the name of Comrade who has reported unfavorably on an application, or opposed his becoming a member; or feigning himself sick or disabled; practicing, aiding or abetting any other misrepresentations, false pretense or fraud; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral or criminal conduct of any kind; entering the Encampment in a state of intoxication; using profane or other improper language; wilfully persisting in disturbing the peaceful and harmonious workings of the Post, or refusing to obey the Commander after having been called to order by that officer, may be placed under arrest. The adjutant shall make out charges against the Comrade, which shall be signed by the Officer of the Day, and he be tried by court-martial.

38. All questions of order not provided for by these rules must be determined by Cushing's Manual.

Order of Business.

1. Opening.
2. Roll-call of officers.
3. Minutes of last stated and all intervening Encampments.
4. Reading orders or communications.
5. Is any Comrade sick or in distress?
6. Has any Comrade died since our last encampment?
7. Reports upon applications.
8. Ballot on the same.
9. Muster in.
10. Payment of dues.
11. Reading new applications.
12. Reports of Committees, by seniority.
13. Unfinished business.
14. New business.
15. Good of the organization.
16. Quartermaster's receipts.
17. Roll-call.
18. Closing.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS.

PAST COMMANDER.....HULBERT, R.
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER..... FILIEAU, J.
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.....FILE, P. A.
ADJUTANT.....KING, L.
QUARTERMASTER. ....GREEN, W. D.
SURGEON..... .....DANIELS F.
CHAPLAIN..... .NEWCOMB, C. W.
OFFICER OF THE DAY..... .....SCHOOLCRAFT, J.
OFFICER OF THE GUARD.....BRIMMER, J. H.

ROSTER OF MEMBERS.

A

Agan, C. E.

B

Bassett, J.
Bonesteel, G. E.
Bonesteel, T.
Boomhower, P.
Bull, P.

C

Campbell, A. H.
Campbell, J. G.
Clark, H. N.
Cooradt, J. H.
Coonradt, W. A.
Coonradt, W. H.
Coons, J.

D

Dick, C.
Dunham, H.

G

Garner, C. F.
Gibbs, Z.
Goyer, G.
Goyer, N.

H

Hayner, H.

H

Hofmeister. J.

J

Jones, P. H.

M

McChesney, T.

P

Peckham, B. H.

R

Rawlins, R. N.
Roberts, N. S.
Rogers, T. E.
Russell, G. W.

S

Simmons, N
Smith, J. L.
Smith, G. H.

T

Trumbull, C. H.

W

Wagar, S.
Wagar, H. N.
Wagar, C. L.
Wagar, P. S.
Wagar, J

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